



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Scott Bedke
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hereby advise you that I have transmitted today to the Secretary of State the following House Bill, which was allowed to become law without my signature:

H 132

as prescribed by the Constitution.

Liquefied natural gas and compressed natural gas (LNG and CNG) are a growing part of America's fuel portfolio. More and more commercial fleets of trucks, buses and other vehicles are turning to the cleaner-burning option of these gaseous fuels. House Bill 132 is an effort to capture the actual energy equivalent of those gaseous fuels in the process of levying Idaho's State motor fuel tax.

I support that goal. However, there are legitimate concerns regarding gaseous fuels that should have been addressed in this bill that I hope will be taken up by the Legislature in its debate and I trust enactment of a comprehensive transportation revenue plan.

In addition, I am concerned about the potential impact of even a marginal decline in the use of CNG or LNG vehicles in fast-growing Ada and Canyon counties, where more emissions of from other vehicle fuels may aggravate air quality concerns and perhaps lead to a nonattainment determination by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Governor of Idaho

Cc: Lieutenant Governor Brad Little